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Urban Affairs Field TASP

After a two-year hiatus, Telluride Association will once again conduct a field TASP. During the summer of 1978, twenty TASPers will be engaged in seminars and field work centered on problems in the analysis and formulation of urban policy, under the joint sponsorship of Telluride and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

The new program results from meetings last winter of TASP Board members Kathy Eisaman Maus and Rick Lockwood with Hopkins President Stephen Muller (formerly professor at Cornell), other administration officials, and staff members of Hopkins' Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research (Metro Center). Hopkins has agreed to provide the faculty, and student room and board, while Telluride will pay for factota, books, and recruitment.

Faculty

Three Johns Hopkins' faculty members will conduct the program: Dr. Robert W. Hearn, Political Science; Dr. Stephen Gottfredson, Social Psychology; and Mr. Henry P. Henderson, Urban Planning. Their work will be supplemented by a consultant, Dr. Katharine C. Lyall (CB63), Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and lectures by guests and by staff of the Metro Center. Lili Stern, TASP75 CB76, and Steve Cohen, TASP74 CB75, will be the factota.

Program

The program will begin with seminars outlining the basic issues to be addressed: social and demographic problems faced by the city, effects of the city's physical condition and design, and the role of government and public service agencies. The middle seminars will explore ways urban problems can be solved in a democratic, pluralistic society. Students will examine how and by whom policy is made, how it is implemented, and what policy choices are possible and equitable. In

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TASP Challenge Campaign

The first major project of the *Telluride Development Council* (see August Newsletter) is underway. During the next two months, TASP alumni will be asked to help raise \$10,000 in support of a 1979 summer program. A Challenge Committee, composed of prominent friends, founders, and alumni of the TASP, is being formed to kick off the drive by raising a challenge stake for ex-TASPers to match. The appeal to donors will be a personal one, thanks to the cooperation of alumni from every year and program.

Inquiries or contributions may be sent to *Telluride Corporation*, 217 West Ave., Ithaca, New York 14850.

In Memoriam

VICTOR BARAS 1945-1977

More than one generation of friends will mourn the death on November 13 of Victor Baras, Association member from 1964 to 1975, intensely loyal friend and supporter to the time of his death. Hospitalized at Mt. Sinai, New York City, for palliative surgery, he developed a blood infection which, in spite of the utmost efforts of doctors and willing blood donors, proved fatal. Vic had been teaching political science at the New School for Social Research for the last two years, following a similar appointment at Wellesley.

Until his last race, Vic had been a loved and deserving winner. Beginning with a TASP scholarship in 1961, he gathered in preferment at Cornell Branch, a Cornell National, a Sperry-Hutchinson National, a year's Cornell scholarship to Germany, Telluride's George Lincoln Burr Award, Phi Beta Kappa, and another year in Germany as a graduate student. After that he stopped reporting his laurels to the Home Office.

In his long-ago TASP application, Vic wrote, "The eventual success I seek is not financial affluence, but peace of mind." Such peace for him would not have been silence, but vigorous pursuit of the values he cherished. He will be remembered, in these terms, for the success achieved in his brief thirty-two years.

LAWRENCE A. KIMPTON 1910-1977

Lawrence A. Kimpton, former Dean of Deep Springs College, died November 1, 1977, in Melbourne, Florida.

Dr. Kimpton had a varied career in education and business. He received his AB and MA from Stanford University, and his PhD in philosophy from Cornell University in 1935. At that time, he became a faculty member at Deep Springs. In 1936 he became acting director, and was named dean in 1941. During his administration, Deep Springs substantially expanded its sources of faculty and students, raised academic standards and undertook an energetic capital-expansion program.

During the following years, Dr. Kimpton held various teaching and administrative posts, including chief administrative officer of the University of Chicago laboratory engaged in the development of the atomic bomb (Manhattan Project). From 1951 to 1960, he was Chancellor of the University of Chicago, during which period many revisions in undergraduate studies were initiated. After leaving the chancellorship, Dr. Kimpton was associated with Standard Oil of Indiana.

Dr. Kimpton maintained close contact with the area Telluride group during his years in Chicago, and was a guest at the Cornell Branch on several occasions.

RODERICK ROBERTSON 1928-1977

Roderick Robertson, Telluride member from 1950 to 1970, died in Kingston, Ontario, on Sunday, November 13. A professor in the theatre department at Queens University, Rod had twice in recent years taken advantage of the early closing of Canadian universities to teach spring terms at Deep Springs. His 1975 production of "Comedy of Errors" is still talked about. A 1946 alumnus of Deep Springs, Robertson came to Cornell Branch in 1948 and remained through the acquisition of an MA, with two years out for army service. He held the Lincoln Exchange scholarship in 1954, later taught at Augsburg and Skidmore Colleges, and spent five years with the Cornell Drama Department before moving to Queens. A man of impressive gifts in his chosen field, Rod will be remembered for his endearing love of life and his wry, dry humor.

H. R. WALDO, SR. 1888-1977

H. R. Waldo, Sr., first Chairman of the Deep Springs Board of Trustees and last surviving signer of the Deep Springs Deed of Trust, died September 13, 1977, in Salt Lake City.

Although never a Pinhead, Mr. Waldo's association with L. L. Nunn dates from 1911 when as a young lawyer (LLB from the University of Colorado) he was retained as a legal adviser to the Telluride Power Company. Made a director of the company in 1912, and named its president in 1946, he remained in that position until 1958 when Telluride Power was subsumed by Utah Power and Light.

Mr. Waldo's devotion to Deep Springs survived his many years as an active trustee, and as honorary trustee he attended meetings in the valley as long as his health permitted. A charter member of the Telluride Association Alumni (1913), his loyalty included an enduring concern for Telluride Association and the unity of the Nunnian institutions.

His death also deprives his home community of an outstanding civic leader.

W. PAUL JONES, TA15, August 1977

HERBERT J. STORING, 1967 TASP Faculty, September 1977

HORACE R. LAMB, Constitutional Member, CB14,
November 1977

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the last part of the program, students will develop—individually or in groups — their own approaches and policies for specific urban problems, basing their work on the knowledge they have gained through the seminars and extensive field work.

Metro Center

The backyard and laboratory for the TASPers will be, of course, Baltimore. The students will explore the city through the facilities and expertise of the Metro Center. University-wide and multi-disciplinary, the Center enables Hopkins faculty, students, researchers, and visiting international fellows to pursue their studies with colleagues who share common interests. Basic research is the main activity of the Center. It also encourages development by its affiliated faculty of urban-related courses; sponsors seminars, conferences, and lectures; and provides student advising and research support. The Center de-

votes itself to matters of national and international scale, as well as to the specific problems of the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Exciting Prospects

Proximity to Baltimore and Washington, DC, combined with Hopkins' acknowledged expertise in urban policy and urban-affairs research, promise to make this an exciting new summer program for Telluride. In addition, the program's concentration on practical applications to public policy runs parallel to our educational philosophy. Hopkins has already expressed interest in continuing this TASP if it is a success in 1978. This could be a cornerstone to a new venture for the Association and an exportation of our TASP idea which, as TASP Board phrased it at the 1977 Convention, still is not "old hat," even after twenty-three years.

—Ross Haarstad, TASP74 CB75

The ADSTA Agenda

ALUMNI WEEKEND—1977

On October 21-23, Cornell Branch hosted the ADSTA 1977 Fall Weekend, attended by forty alumni, families, and friends. After some initial confusion over hotel rooms (in short supply because of Parents' Weekend at Cornell), alumni arrived at the House for informal gatherings and more formal discussions on the future of Telluride Association and Deep Springs.

The featured speaker for the weekend was Charles Collingwood, DS34 CB37 TA37, journalist and commentator. He was accompanied by his wife, the accomplished actress Louise Albritton. She has had an illustrious career, both in theater and in films, and recounted anecdotes of her experiences, to everyone's enjoyment.

Open House

The weekend began Friday evening with an open house at which the earlier-arriving alumni met Housemembers. Conversation centered around life in the House and at Deep Springs in years past, and on Housemembers' future plans. Housemembers were pleased with the willingness of the guests to discuss their careers and to offer suggestions and advice.

Collingwood Address

After breakfast Saturday morning, alumni toured the Johnson Art Museum, visited with friends on Cornell's faculty, or simply admired Ithaca's fall foliage. In the afternoon, Cornell's charming new president, Frank Rhodes, welcomed the alumni and praised the values embodied by Deep Springs and Telluride. Charles Collingwood then spoke on the tenuous state of world affairs, describing the current situation as a "watershed." He stated it was his feeling that the decisions we make now will determine whether we achieve a stable order, or descend into chaos. Collingwood claimed that sacrifices by more affluent nations must be made in order to promote a healthy balance among nations.



Charles Collingwood

The speech provoked a thoughtful response from the audience. Questions were raised about the effect of rapid depletion of natural resources on the choices available to modern governments, the possible destruction of democratic systems because of their inability to make decisions rapidly, and governmental interference engendered by the international redistribution of wealth suggested by Collingwood.

Evening Forum

On Saturday evening, a forum on the present activities of Deep Springs and Telluride was held. Brian Lanter, former Deep Springer and a senior at the Branch, reported that Deep Springs is overcoming the financial difficulties which have threatened it in the past—primarily through appeals to alumni and parents of students. New faculty members have revived the flagging science program, and a revamped application procedure is expected to expand the applicant pool. Andrea Kavalier, Branch President, spoke on the House. She stated that the presence of women at the Branch can no longer be called *experimental*, citing as proof the domination by women of House governmental offices. Kavalier commented on the diversity of



Chagall and Friends

Branch residents—former TASPers, Deep Springers in greater number, graduate students, and Cornell faculty—and indicated that recruitment from sources other than TASPers has had a positive effect on the House. Steve Cohen, a 1978 factotum, spoke about TASPers. He asked the audience for suggestions on the nature of future, more budget-conscious Summer Programs, and proposed for consideration the possibility of a science-oriented TASP. Cohen also described the 1978 field TASP in urban policy to be held at Johns Hopkins University. Nathan Tarcov, Association President, reflected on the shift of Telluride from the profligacy of the 1960's to the thriftiness of the

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Los Angeles Area

ADSTA members in the Southern California area are "alive and well," if somewhat geographically dispersed. A summer barbeque was held on Sunday, June 12, at the San Marino home of Ben Crue, DS42. Eighteen alumni and friends attended, including the Jim Tuckers from Laguna Beach, the Duane Carnes from La Jolla, the Don Novellis from Newport Beach, San Marino neighbor Raymond McKelvey, Christopher Campbell, Jan Vleck, Bo Gehring, Raymond Jeanloz, and Joshua Fried. All attending contributed to the lively discussions. There was some preference expressed for future get-togethers to be on weekends rather than mid-week, with interest in informal meetings similar to this one provided by the warm, able hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Crue.

—Bruce R. Laverty, DS43

Board of Custodians

August

The Board of Custodians held its summer meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 5-6. The Board foresaw slower economic growth in 1978 than has been seen in 1977. Accordingly, companies were judged on the basis of their perceived ability to maintain earnings growth despite a general slowdown. Bond yields were judged on the assumption of a base inflation rate of 6%.

If this inflation forecast is on target, Custodian Bill Galston argued, bonds in the August market were overvalued; e.g., a 7.60% yield on a Barron's best-grade bond implied an assumed inflation rate of only 4%. He urged the Custodians to sell long-term bonds at their August prices, before the market revalued them downwards. Jan Svejnar submitted a theoretical note whose conclusion coincided with Galston's. The yield on a bond includes coupon interest and capital gains realized at maturity. Long-term bonds sell on the market for much less than their price will be at maturity, their coupon (interest) rate is low, and their total return depends heavily on the capital gain realized when the bonds mature. Present inflation decreases the value of dollars that Telluride would later receive upon redeeming its bonds. The yield from shorter-term securities is comprised of relatively more coupon interest and less price appreciation. Especially in inflationary times, the total return from such bonds is greater, since the coupon interest can itself be reinvested to earn high interest.

An economic slowdown could result in both sluggish production and vigorous inflation. Utilities could be vulnerable to higher interest rates, due to their heavy capital needs and to slowness in obtaining rate relief from regulatory commissioners. Insurance firms, also, could be squeezed by inflation if the consumer price index rises while their fixed rates stay down. Companies that derive much revenue from leasing operations are likely to suffer in a slowdown, since equipment (e.g. truck trailers) may often be leased to supplement a manufacturer's own capital stock. To accommodate lower output levels it is far easier to halt a lease than to idle one's own equipment. In addition, prudent investors may spurn stocks in any industry if the companies lack either a strong balance sheet or a well-trusted management. Memories of the 1974 recession fade slowly.

On the other hand, sales of liquor and cosmetics have historically proven recession-resistant. Moreover, financial institutions may benefit from higher interest rates. In particular, the refinancing of long-term debt maturing in 1978 should cost borrowers substantially more in annual interest charges than they had been paying. Energy stocks seem more dependent on political than on purely economic pressures. Hospital industry revenues likewise appear more secure from the effects of economic slowdown than from the effects of government regulation.

A conservative economic forecast does not entail a cautious trading strategy. In fact, the Board of Custodians executed numerous transactions to strengthen the portfolio. Board Chairman Russell Hawkins, along with fellow Bond Manager Jan Svejnar, were authorized to sell \$220,000 in long-term, deep-discount bonds. Common stock and debentures in Evans Products were sold, as was the Telluride holding in ITT. The Custodians also approved the sale of 2000 shares of Tucson Gas & Electric stock. At the same time, the Custodians purchased blocks of General Electric, Texaco, and Revlon. Holdings in Southern Railway and Manufacturer's Hanover Bank were increased to full-block size.

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Branch Faculty Guest



Barbara C. Malament

Historian

We at the House are pleased to have as faculty guest this year Dr. Barbara Malament. She is a Fellow at the Society for the Humanities at Cornell, and is leading a seminar, Politics and Culture of the English Working Class, in which several Housemembers are enrolled. This subject is only one of three that Dr. Malament is working on these days; she is also editing a volume of essays on the politics of early modern Europe, as well as writing a book, *British Politics and the Crisis of 1931*. Her enthusiasm for her work is evident both in her performance in the seminar and in the long hours she puts in at her office.

More eloquent demonstrations of this enthusiasm, however, are the academic qualifications and professional prestige that Dr. Malament now enjoys. She is a graduate of Vassar College, the London School of Economics, and Yale, where she received her PhD in 1969. Since then, she has taught at Yale, Queens College, Barnard College, and Rutgers; she has published numerous articles in various historical journals. In short, Dr. Malament's position in the academic community is as secure as her welcome in the House, where her energy and friendliness are evident and appreciated. Dr. Malament considers the House "a very special place" to live, and entertains some regrets that she had no comparable opportunity when she was a student. It is clear to all that such a community is well-suited to both her strong intellectual interests and her engaging personality. It is a pleasure to have Barbara Malament among us.

—Cameron M. Smith, DS74 CB77

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E.M. Johnson Scholarship/Award

Enabling resolutions supporting the Johnny Johnson Scholarship proposal have been passed by Telluride Association and Deep Springs, and the proposal has been favorably received by ADSTA. Because each group has viewed the plan from its particular point of view, it may be well to review the historical background that led to this proposal.

History

Telluride Association was established some 65 years ago to take care of the advanced educational needs of highly selected students from the primary branches of the Nunn enterprises. The concept involved a continuity of scholarships to attract superior students and to insure their continuing a special educational experience over a sufficiently prolonged period to make them critically minded, develop a sense of values and, as Mr. Nunn expressed it in the old "Telluride" terminology, to become "men of fixed purpose and character, who will dedicate themselves to the higher cause of service."

Aside from their common background and ideals, the continuity of scholarships, which later extended through Deep Springs and Telluride Association, constituted for many years a vital link between the two Nunn institutions. Unfortunately, this program fell into disarray in recent years due to various circumstances—the disruption of World War II, changes in both Deep Springs and Telluride during the 1950's, and changes in Cornell University's admission and scholarship policies. Older alumni and friends of Deep Springs and Telluride tend to agree that alteration in the old system has had an adverse effect on both institutions. Since the breakdown of the scholarship-continuity system, neither institution has been able to offer much financial support. The recruitment of top-notch students, thus, has become more difficult, especially in the face of the many other attractive scholarships that have become available.

Various Solutions

History, of course, cannot be turned back. Nevertheless, some of the benefits of the former program might be re-established, if specific cooperative efforts were made to do so. The development of the Rinehart-Telluride Professorship at Deep Springs and the Mossner Award have had an important initial influence toward improving the relations of the two institutions. However, the student transition from Deep Springs to Cornell Branch is no longer the simple arrangement of years ago. Transfer by Deep Springs students to Cornell constitutes a major hurdle, particularly for top Deep Springs students who can transfer more readily to other outstanding colleges. Telluride preferment by itself is no longer a competitive form of scholarship. Cornell University's high tuition and its practice of reducing scholarship funds by taking into consideration the value of the Telluride preferment often makes Cornell financially unattractive. Unless specifically motivated, Deep Springs students do not automatically choose Cornell and Telluride. The special designation of scholarships for superior students in their last year at Deep Springs, which will serve to point them toward Cornell and overcome their problems of transfer, is an important step in solving this problem. Furthermore, the financial awards by Telluride must be improved, if superior Deep Springs students are to be attracted to the Cornell Branch and Telluride Association. The E. M. Johnson Award is one step being taken to accomplish this.

Joint Committee

Since the resolution of these problems involves Deep Springs, Telluride Association and the alumni of both, a strong and representative committee has been established to assist indi-

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Summer Program Finale

TASP 1977 ended on a high note of enthusiasm, but also with a sense of sadness that the six-week sessions had come to a close. By and large, the two seminars offered—"The Lyric Tradition in Poetry" and "Ethical Absolutism and Ethical Relativism"—went well. Final papers for the program in lyric poetry treated the work of modern poets. Some members of the seminar on ethics criticized *Brave New World*, using Aquinas' moral theories; others used absolutist and relativist theories to establish the preferability of saving humans if one is forced to choose between their lives and those of dogs. The seminars remained lively during this last week, as they were during the preceding weeks.

Public speaking progressed on schedule, including topics such as nuclear fusion, the proposed subsidization of American railroads, the technological nature of American health care, morality in American foreign policy, and justifications for capital punishment. Diversity was provided by several students reading their own poetry. Cornell faculty seminars were less successful than planned, due to schedule conflicts; however, the TASP faculty arranged special seminars, including TASPers from both programs with cross interests, and they were very well received.

"Final" partying began early in the last week, since Professor Meltzer had to leave early due to commitments at the University of Chicago. The madrigal group which had been singing for several weeks performed, as did several other singers, a violinist, a flautist and a pianist. T-shirts reading *Tot es niens* ("all is nothing" in Provencal) were presented to the faculty. Other events during the week were: singing of the "Norman Kretzmann Song" (tune of the Halleluiah Chorus) in honor of one of the ethics professors, singing of ballads composed by two TASPers—one of which rhymed Bianconi (Sue, head waiter during the summer) with macaroni, and the factotum-planned square dance followed by a "real dance." Some of the TASPers drew up and circulated a survey designed to measure class, religion, feelings about Patti Smith's music, and many other things. Others worked on a newsletter which will contain "last wills and testaments," ballad lyrics and participants' addresses.

Throughout the six weeks at Telluride, the students took advantage of the varied resources at their disposal—from gorges, the reservoir, Cornell's orchid displays to the Johnson Art Museum and Olin and Uris libraries—and still found time to do reading assignments carefully and write excellent papers. Saying good-bye to friends, making plans to see each other again, visiting for a final time spots of particular interest and pleasure on campus and in Ithaca, while planning to continue reading and thinking about the subjects they had studied during the summer, brought to a close a fine summer for the 1977 TASPers.

—Maureen Graves, TASP74 CB75 TA77

1977 TASPers awarded preferment at Cornell Branch by PCPC are:

Alison Baldwin
Alyssa Bernstein
Paul Levesque
Alison Mack
Michael Marder
Suzanne Roos
Michael Shea
Eileen Smith
Mary Tedeschi

Custodians

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Custodians present included David Balabon, Tom Christina, Mark Cohen, Frank Fukuyama, Jeremy Rabkin, Joel Schwartz, and Stephen Sestanovich. Association Treasurer Charles Christenson and Associate Martin Sitte were also present.

November

A reconstituted Board of Custodians gathered in Ithaca on the weekend of November 4-5. Fukuyama, Galston and Sestanovich had left the Board; attending the meeting were Russell Hawkins, Joe Schwartz, Tim Greening, Jan Svejnar, Joel Schwartz, Jeremy Rabkin, David Balabon, Tom Christina, Mark Cohen, and Association Treasurer Charles Christenson.

Despite the Dow's listless close near the 800 level that week, the Custodians were not despairing. In fact, most members predicted tax reductions for business that would spur capital investment in 1978. Since the economy has been expanding at a rapid pace during the past two years, most Custodians were not alarmed by the prospect of the real GNP rate of growth *slipping down* to 3% in 1978.

Such an analysis increases the attractiveness of "low P/E" stocks in capital goods industries. Hawkins suggested that institutional investors might be shifting funds away from "glamor" stocks towards heretofore less-publicized companies whose strong balance sheets and income records could justify more highly-valued stocks. The Custodians sold holdings in General Signal, Roadway Express, and Baxter Travenol. Investments were made in Lear-Seigler, Sears Roebuck & Co., Humana, and Freuhauf. The net effect of all transactions was to shift \$80,000 from cash investments to equity.

—Mark S. Cohen, TASP74 CB75 TA77

Stallworthy to Lead TAWP

Poet and critic Jon Stallworthy, John Wendell Anderson Professor of English at Cornell, will teach the Telluride Association Winter Program (TAWP) seminar in January. Stallworthy came to Cornell this fall from Oxford University, where he was a Fellow and also Deputy Director of Oxford University Press. He has published five books of poetry, as well as two critical studies of Yeats. His most recent book is *Wilfred Owen: A Biography*. He is currently preparing a complete edition of Owen's poems.

The Anderson Chair was formerly held by Nobel Laureate Hans Bethe, who retired last year and is now professor emeritus.

TAWP consists of three seminars, normally held on the days immediately preceding spring registration. It is designed to give housemembers the opportunity to discuss with each other and with a visiting guest a subject of common interest. Stallworthy's seminar will be about war poetry, both ancient and modern, and about the way in which developments in this genre reflect shifting attitudes toward man, nature, and technology.

CORNELL BRANCH VICTORIOUS

In the November 20 final competition, the Cornell Branch "Nunn Entities" defeated the "Primary Sources" (History Department graduate students) to win the 40-team Cornell College Bowl Tournament. Telluride's team was led by Hallie DeChant, TASP75 CB 76. Fellow Entities were: Steve Cohen, TASP74 CB75; Pat O'Connor, TASP75 CB76; and Dan Segal, TASP75 CB76.

Alumni Weekend

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1970's, and praised the efforts of Housemembers to keep operating costs low. ADSTA President Erik Pell spoke on the importance of loyal alumni to the survival of institutions such as Deep Springs and Telluride. Animated discussion followed the panel presentations; alumni made many suggestions about possible sources of grants, and offered thought-provoking ideas about financial support for the House and for TASP's.

Council Meeting

Alumni Weekend ended with an ADSTA Council Meeting on Sunday morning, at which the alumni, in a generous demonstration of support for TA and DS, appropriated \$125 to the House for maintaining relations with Cornell faculty, \$125 to Deep Springs for library acquisitions, and \$300 each to Telluride and Deep Springs for their respective newsletters.

Successful Weekend

The weekend ran smoothly due to the untiring efforts of Jean and Bob Renzetti, who prepared the many delicious meals, and Houseman George Krebs, who assisted in setting up. Special thanks must go to Valerie Eisenach, Alumni Secretary, for her boundless organizational energy. [Editor's note: Housemembers are to be especially thanked for very ably helping in all phases of planning and execution of the Weekend activities.]

The large number of alumni attending demonstrated that there is essential continued support for Telluride and Deep Springs; that in itself would be justification for calling the Weekend a success. However, the real success lay in the opportunity for both Housemembers and alumni to reaffirm long-standing friendships, and for the alumni to get back in touch with the many activities of Telluride.

—Louisa Vinton, TASP76 CB77, and
Lili Stern, TASP75 CB76

Branch Sporting Life:

Lessons In Incompetence

These are the times that try men's souls: to stand encrusted by drying mud, before the seemingly magnetic soccer goal, protecting, or at least reflecting solemnly on, a 10-0 deficit; to effect a prolonged removal of one's cramped and blushing fist from the thorny clutches of the volley-ball net twine, beneath the oppressive silence of collective accusation; to shoot from the closest line at the archery range, and still spend the better part of the day searching for arrows in the thick grass behind the generously large targets of hay; or to spend eight hours with head thrown back looking at the sky, an ill-folded parachute strapped to one's back and a swelling sensation of regret in one's chest. Typical scenes, these, from the too-often-overlooked athletic life of the House. And what, one might ask, does it all mean?

These are all exercises in self-identification, dealing each in its special way with some of the larger questions of existence. Who am I? I am the goalie; I am the one with my hand in the net; I am not a good shot; I am the victim of circumstance. What am I doing here? Standing; removing; searching; spending. Why am I here? I don't know; I missed the spike; I missed the target; I missed the plane.

And so what is the lesson to be learned? One can either practice and persevere, cultivate a predilection for psychomasm, or hang up the spikes and the quiver, and the 'chute, and head for the showers, the coffee, the books. Something, perhaps, may have been gained.

—Cameron Smith, DS74 CB77

OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE SAVAGES

Achieving an understanding of one's own culture isn't easy; understanding another may be impossible. Staring at the aliens with the shallow eyes of a tourist is an excellent way not to proceed unless one wants to believe that canyons are just the way that they appear on postcards, or that Indians are degenerates who reminisce about their former romantic existence shooting cowboys.

This summer three of us at Deep Springs had an opportunity to see another culture for a short time, and to see it, to some degree, from the inside. Dr. Frank Tikalsky, who is teaching a course in cultural psychology at Deep Springs, invited us along on a trip to the Havasupai Reservation in Arizona, near the Grand Canyon. Our acquiescence was not delayed.

We travelled southeast in Tikalsky's Rabbit, accompanied by air-conditioning and Bach (pre-recorded). As we drove along the highway, Tikalsky told us a little about the Supai. (After twenty or so trips to the village, he knows whereof he speaks.) The Supai, he said, have lived in their canyon for 800 years, grazing their cattle on the rim in the summer and coming back down in the winter. When the government made their land into a reservation, it took away their rights to the rim and altered their pattern of living irretrievably for over a hundred years. In 1971, the Supai finally got some of the rim land back in a court case, but there are great restrictions on what they may do with it. Nonetheless, they are doing very well materially, thanks to tourism—thousands of people visit the reservation every year, and, since it is an eight-mile hike from the road's end to the reservation in Havasu Canyon, many of those who come to stare at the aliens with their shallow eyes are willing to pay the \$25 fee for mule transportation.

Throughout the trip, the three of us came into contact with three ways of seeing the Supai. There was, of course, the tourist perspective—perhaps I mean "myopia"—which we brushed against unavoidably, since the voyeurs were there in great numbers, based in their campgrounds like rodents. There was Tikalsky's viewpoint: essentially that of a knowledgeable observer. The ostensible purpose of this trip was to administer a questionnaire to the tribal council as a means of understanding the poor relationship between the Supai and the National Parks Service; Tikalsky knew what he was doing here, and to some degree we could see the Supai through his eyes. Finally, there was the way that an "initiate" glimpsed the Supai. There were rare seconds when we felt that we had some vague, distorted understanding of What Might Actually Have Been Going On.

VIGNETTES

(1) *Tikalsky*. After a breakfast of doughnuts, orange juice and predigested protein collagen, we rolled up our sleeping bags and got into the car. We were almost ready to begin the walk into Supai. The sun came up as we drove.

"If necessary, we'll show an edited *Billy the Kid* film to get the tribe together for the questionnaire," Tikalsky said. "The tribe likes Westerns, particularly if they involve a lot of action."

"When would we show it?" one of us asked.

"Probably in the early evening. It isn't good procedure to do anything with the Supai after dark; they believe in spirits, and at night you'll just never see anyone outside. They say that these ghosts can be very dangerous, particularly if they had power in life, because they're angry to be dead, and they're vengeful."

"What do the Supai do with their dead?"

"They used to burn them. But we convinced them that wasn't proper, made them feel guilty about it. So now they bury them, and on each mound of earth they put huge clumps of plastic flowers. It's pretty macabre."

The desert began to torment into crevices, valleys, gorges. Tikalsky began to explain the administration of the questionnaire. His blond hair was unruffled.

(2) *La turista*. "Havasupai" . . . "People of the Blue-Green Waters." The waters were really blue-green, even though it was true that they were mildly polluted with sewage. I swam in a deep, wide pool at the base of Fifty-Foot Falls. When I tired I would pull myself onto one of the rocks in the falls, within touching distance of the almost-jungle on the bank, until I felt ready to swim again, and then I would jump off the falls into the cold water. One of the Supai clove the water energetically, his hair in a long, black pigtail over his brown back. After a while I swam over to talk to him.

At first he was a little reserved, but eventually he began to tell me about some of the things that had happened to him recently, and what life was like at boarding school. (The school in Supai Village only teaches through fourth grade.) Suddenly he pointed. "Look at her. A pretty woman."

On the flat rock overlooking the pool, a blonde lay sunning herself and watching us through tinted glasses. In a half an hour or so, when I was satiated with swimming, I climbed up to the rock to put on my clothes.

"Hello," I said. I picked myself a green fig.

"Hello." She stretched herself. "How long have you been here?"

"A day."

"I was watching you talk with the Supai boy. Do you know much about the tribe?" Her shoulders were slightly sunburned.

"Not really," I said.

"I know the Supai cold," she explained. "I was here once before and I've studied them at Arizona State University."

"What do you know about them?"

"The Supai are a delightful people," she told me. "It's amazing how delightful they are when you come to know them."

"Oh." I buttoned my shirt and ate another fig.

"You have to be careful around them, though. They can be dangerous."

"In what way?" I asked.

She looked at me. "Well, it's best not to discuss that now."

(3) *Hint of a glimpse*. One of the most loved and respected men in Supai Village is Steve Hirst, a white man who has spent some years among the tribe. He and Tikalsky knew each other, and he invited us over for dinner with his family to eat the steaks that Tikalsky had brought him.

We were eating quietly in the hot evening when Tikalsky said, "Steve, tell the Deep Springers the story about the medicine man."

Hirst put down his fork for a minute. "The medicine man? . . . Oh, yes. Well, it seems that there was an old man whose father had been a very powerful medicine man, and he knew some of the rain songs. I was over visiting this old man one night, and we started talking about the songs, and he offered to sing one of them. I was surprised; you know, this just isn't done, and his wife said she thought that might bring back the old man's spirit, but he said, 'I'll just sing a little.' And he began to sing it, very softly. And he stopped and said, 'This is a very powerful song, but I will sing a little more.' And he sang a little more and said, 'I can feel the power in this song. I had better stop.'

"That was the night of the big flood of 1971."

We began eating again. Suddenly, the baby started to cry . . .

Achieving an understanding of one's own culture isn't easy; understanding another may be impossible. The three of us didn't really achieve an understanding of the Havasupai in much of any form; but perhaps we did see how many perspectives on another culture there can be, and how limited our own perspective was. I think we might have enlarged it a little in Havasu Canyon.

—Bill Vollman, DS77

Lincoln Scholar Applications

The Telluride-Lincoln College scholarship is available for the two-year term beginning in the fall of 1978. To quote TARP (Part II, Ch. D, #4): "All Telluride Associates who have completed a BA or equivalent before the start of their term are eligible to apply for the Telluride-Lincoln Exchange. The Scholar shall be selected on the basis of his proposed program of serious study at Lincoln College, and in consideration of his intelligence and maturity." Note that *all male* Associates, not only graduating Cornell Branch Associates, are eligible. The scholarship grants tuition and fees at Lincoln College, Oxford. Room-and-board expenses during the academic year are deducted from an annual grant of 898 pounds. This leaves part of the grant to pay for personals and vacation living costs, but the incumbent will need some personal resources as well.

Inquiries should be addressed to Operations and Awards Committee, Telluride House, Ithaca, NY 14850. Completed applications are due January 31, 1978.

JOINT FUNDS REMINDER

Joint Funds is only-one sixth of the way to its goal of \$30,000 for the 1977-78 Drive—\$1,700 TA and \$3,200 DS. Be supportive; please make a contribution to Joint Funds; take advantage of deduction for 1977 tax year.

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If you don't wish to hear from us, please let us know, and we'll remove you from our mailing list. If you do want your Telluride mail, please be sure we know where to send it. Postage rates escalate indefinitely; our income does not. Thank you!

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vidual students with their special problems, as well as to avoid conflicts between the institutions. The committee consists of the Dean of Deep Springs, the President of Telluride Association, and the President of ADSTA, or their designees, and will be chaired alternately by the Dean of Deep Springs and the President of Telluride Association. The awards and the committee have been named after Elmer M. Johnson, who for many years served as a centralizing force for the Nunn institutions.

Support Needed

Considerable support will be required, even for the minimal program proposed of scholarships for two Deep Springs students covering their last year at Deep Springs and awards for their first year at Cornell Branch. Two students a year isn't a large program, but will serve to establish guide lines and to iron out the problems involved. As the program proves itself, it can be enlarged. The proposed two scholarships will be meshed with the scholarship-endowment program of Deep Springs. It is anticipated that the endowment-award support by Telluride will involve about half the amount required by Deep Springs. With strong support from the alumni and friends of the two institutions, we hope to attract outside support. Already we have in hand pledges to cover nearly 15% of the necessary \$250,000 endowment of this program.

Contributions may be spread over three or more years, as best suits the tax-credit needs of the donor. Gifts can be divided between Deep Springs and Telluride as the donor prefers. Paul Todd has agreed to help on contacts with the Telluride alumni and Bob Aird will head the effort with Deep Springs alumni. Precise details as to how contributions may be made will follow later, but in the meantime they can be obtained by writing Paul Todd or Bob Aird.

Although the appeal of this program may be greater among the older alumni, who knew and personally benefited from the original setup of the Nunn institutions and who knew Johnny Johnson, it is hoped that the younger alumni and friends will understand the plan's importance and join in to support it. Mr. Nunn's basic concepts are just as valid now as they were years ago—perhaps even more so. Their implementation, however, must be adapted to the changes that have occurred, both within our own circle and in our society over the past 35 years.

—Robert B. Aird, DS21 CB23 TA24

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News From Alumni and Friends of Telluride

■ *Samuel R. Levering*, CB 27 TA29, one of the founding members of the United World Federalists, addressed its 30th anniversary meeting held in July in Black Mountain, North Carolina. In recalling 1947, Levering stated: "We knew what we wanted, that peace was unlikely without a world authority that could at least make and enforce law in the areas of weapons. We were not so clear as to how to get there, and that has been the problem. The 30 years that some of us have spent in this movement have been well spent, we think."

■ *Nathan S. Tarcov*, TASP63 CB64 TA65, is now an assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago, after three years as assistant professor of government at Harvard. He is on leave this term on a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to write a book on Locke on the family and education. Tarcov's wife, Susan, is a production editor for Encyclopedia Britannica in Chicago.

■ *William J. vanden Heuvel*, DS46 CB48 TA48, was appointed in July by President Jimmy Carter the United States Ambassador to the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

■ *Anne Gurian*, TASP75, won the 1977 Edward J. Meeker Award for excellence in Freshman English composition at Yale University.

■ *Robert L. Sproull*, DS35 CB38 TA38, addressed the May meeting of the Cornell Alumni Association, NYC, which honored out-going Cornell University President Dale Corson. Sproull and *Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.*, CBG47, have completed their respective terms as alumni trustees on the Cornell University Board of Trustees.

■ *Edwin P. Swatek, Jr.*, DS33 CB36 TA36, has brought us up to date on his three children: Cathy, PhD Taiwan, does research in Chinese literature; Paul III is chief conservationist for Sierra Club; and Charles is with Bethlehem Steel, sales.

■ *Austin H. Kiplinger*, CB37 TA38, a Cornell University trustee since 1960, is now vice chairman of its executive committee.

■ *John W. Mellor*, CB46 TA48, is now the Director of the International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C.

■ *F. David Hammer*, BB66 TA67, is a community teaching fellow and graduate student at the University of California, Davis. Hammer is teaching mathematics in a local elementary school, and writes: "We hope to make it not just arithmetic, but geometry, algebra, number theory . . ."

■ *David Nierenberg*, TASP70, is serving an internship in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

■ *Paul J. Spieler*, TASP62, is an internist with sub-specialty in hematology, currently on a fellowship in oncology at Yale. He and his wife, who is an internist and a fellow in rheumatology at Yale, have three children, ages 6 years, 4 years, and 8 months.

■ *Wendell Williams*, DS46 CB51 TA49, is on leave this year from his duties as Professor of Physics, Ceramic Engineering and Bioengineering, University of Illinois, to be with the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C., as Head of the Metallurgy and Materials Section, Division of Materials Research.

■ *Joseph C. Nelson*, DS43, Vice President-Counsel for Centex Corporation in Dallas, has been appointed Lecturer in Business Law at Southern Methodist University's School of Business Administration. Nelson's daughter, Kathy, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at SMU last spring.

■ *Michael Palmquist*, TASP75, is co-editor of the St. Olaf College student newspaper, the *Manitou Messenger*. Last spring he was runner-up in the 1500 meter run at the NCAA Division III championships.

■ *Charles R. Kokesh*, TASP65, joined the Bank of America, San Francisco, in June, as Vice President, Global Treasury Management Group. He expects to receive JD degree from the University of California, Berkeley, law school in June 1978. His wife, Barbara, graduated from Stanford University business school in June, and is also at the Bank of America as a corporate lending officer.

■ *Kathleen Frankovic*, TASP63, writes: "I'm taking a leave of absence from UVM (a leave which may last two years) to accept a job with the CBS News Elections Unit. I will be running the CBS-New York Times political surveys, and acting as a resident political scientist . . . a chance to delve through the materials that have been collected by CBS in previous years and have never been properly analyzed."

■ *Stephen A. Schuker*, CB55 TA58, has had a book published, *The End of French Predominance in Europe* (North Carolina), in which diplomatic, financial and personal materials are coordinated in a study of the decline of France as a great power.

■ Alumni visiting Telluride House during the summer and early fall of 1977 were: *Yardena Mansoor*, TASP69 CB70; *David W. Corson*, CB61 TA63, and family; *Diego Benardete*, TASP66; *Fred E. Baumann*, CB62 TA64; *Charles Bazerman*, TASP62 CB63; *Joanna L. Brown*, TASP64 CB65 TA67; *Anthony Goldstone*, Lincoln Exchange 68; *Jan Svejnar*, CB71 TA74; *Harold O. Levy*, CB74 TA75; *Frazier MacLean*, TASP59 CB60; *J. Garry Clifford*, TASP Faculty76, and wife; *Albert E. Arent*, CB29 TA30; *Wendell S. Williams*, DS46 CB51 TA49, and family; *David J. Fried*, TASP66 CB67; *Paul A. Patterson*, DS70 CB72 TA73; *Jan P. Vleck*, DS69 CB72 TA74; *Stephen B. Pershing*, TASP74; *Thomas Nagel*, CB54 TA58; *William Ragen*, DS74; *Thomas Hutchins*, DS75; *Rolf Schelander*, TASP73 DS74.

■ Deep Springers visiting Cornell Branch this fall during their quarter off were: *Bradley G. Edmondson*, *Mario Loomis*, *Stephen Brooks*, *Eric Cota-Robles*, *Gary Swisher*, *Benjamin Campbell* and *Tom Feierabend*—all second-year students.

■ *Donald Cranz*, TASP65 CB66 TA68, and *Pepper Trail*, CB72 TA73, are now both at Cornell and residing in Ithaca.

■ Telluride loaned the Johnson Art Museum at Cornell a *Christian M.S. Midjo* (1880-1973) western landscape for display this fall as part of a showing of Cornell artists' works. Midjo painted it while artist in residence at Deep Springs.

■ *Peter T. Geach*, CBG59, recently gave the Cornell Branch library two additional volumes written by him: *The Virtues* and *Providence and Evil* (Cambridge University Press, 1977).

■ Featured in the fall art exhibit at the Cosmos Club in New York City were paintings by *Walter King Stone* (1879-1949), widely known illustrator of nature articles. King was a frequent Branch guest during the 1920's while professor of painting at Cornell.

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